

**THIS WEEK AT**  
**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

December 18th - December 24th

<b>Today</b>	4th Sunday of Advent 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Youth Sunday 12:00 Lunch & Christmas Caroling 12:15 Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting 12:15 Worship Committee Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	Winter Begins 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:00 Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	January Tower Mailing
<b>Saturday</b>	Christmas Eve 9:00 Christmas Eve Service (Prelude begins at 8:30)

*Next Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day*  
*11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering*



**December 18th - December 24th**

•The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by the congregation and friends of Bethel.



•Good morning and welcome to Bethel! Whether you are a member, a friend or a visitor please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad at the end of your pew. Don't forget to give the friendship pad to others to sign when you are done. Thank you!

•The Bethel Youth will be leading the worship service this morning. We hope you enjoy the service and thanks to everyone who is participating and who worked on the preparation of today's service!

•EVERYONE "Let's go Christmas Caroling", today! Following the worship service we will have lunch and then carpool to the homes of our members who are homebound. Let's join together to make the Christmas Holidays more special for our homebound members!

•Please have all announcements for the December 25th bulletin and/or the January 1st bulletin to the Church Office by this Wednesday, December 21st, at 9:00 am. Thank you!

•A Community Advent Study is being held at St. John's this Thursday, December 22nd. Supper will be at 6:30 pm and the study will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

•Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service will be next Saturday, at 9:00 pm. (The prelude will be played beginning at 8:30 pm.) The service is always a moving and beautiful experience as we hear the Good News both read and sung. Come and take part as we sing, as we pray, and as we praise God for the birth of our Savior!

•Sunday School for the next two Sundays (December 25th & January 1st) is cancelled. Please join us when Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 8th, at 9:45 am.

•The Church Office will be closed, Monday, December 28th through Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year's holiday and while Adrienne is on vacation. If you need anything please contact Bill Brubeck or Laura Barmore. Thank you!

•Nursery is offered during Sunday School and Worship for children through kindergarten. Children's Church is being reorganized and will not be available until January 2017. Children's Church will be available for children in elementary grades 1st - 5th. Any older children will remain in the worship service. Volunteers will be needed, so please give it prayerful consideration!

•Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Alphia Canning who passed away on Saturday, December 10th.

•We would like to thank the youth and all of the young at heart who helped prepare and serve the spaghetti supper that raised funds to shop for Kingsway. Also, thanks to everyone who attended and made this fundraiser a great success! Through your support \$1,600 was raised to shop for those who are less fortunate. Thanks for your continued support! - Witness Committee

•The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank the cast, and helpers, of The Christmas Story for an outstanding presentation. Blessings to all during this glorious Christmas season!

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact the Church Office or a Session member. We would love to hear from you!

December 11th

Attendance: 118

Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00 Received: \$4,422.00

Joy Gift Offering: \$545.00

Financial Report - through November 30th, 2016

Adjusted Estimated Budget: \$160,764.00

Actual Expenses: \$156,593.00

Actual Receipts: \$138,865.00

**Financial Stewardship Information**

**Offerings 2016:** It is requested that offerings for 2016 be made no later than Sunday, December 25th. Thank you for your continued support.

**Pledges 2016:** 20 pledges for a total of \$61,082 have been received. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2016 - it is never too late! Pledge cards are available in Memorial Hall and the vestibule. Send completed cards to the church (Attn: Receiving Treasurer), or put in the Receiving Treasurer mailbox in Memorial Hall or in the offering plate any Sunday.

**Offering Envelopes for 2017:** ATTENTION OFFERING ENVELOPE USERS – Numbered offering envelopes are available in the vestibule for those who used offering envelopes in 2016. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to or have been using them but no longer want them, please contact the Church Office with your request.



*Bethel Presbyterian Church  
December 2016*

Given to the Glory of God  
And  
“In Memory Of”

Mr. & Mrs. Joel W. Hamilton  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Heizer  
Given By: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Heizer

Arthur B. Cash  
Edward C. Sheffer  
Given By: Betty S. Cash

Irven (Chuck) Goodson  
Douglas Goodson  
Given By: Family

Laurence & Ann Arehart  
Given By: Their Family

Carol & Milton Schooley  
Margaret M. & Charles L. Cobb  
Given By: Barbara Gough & Cary Farber

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Pilson  
Given By: John R. Pilson

Charles N. Beard  
Given By: Sally & Bill Brubeck

Charles Lamb  
Given By: Sara M. Lamb

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**Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Swisher  
Don Swisher  
Given By: Bettie Swisher**

**Jerry Utz  
Given By: James, Cynthia, Devon, Ben & Tessa**

**Mary Williams Dransfield  
Given By: James, Cynthia, Devon, Ben & Tessa**

**Mary Williams Dransfield  
Given By: Her Many Friends**

**R.W. & Moggie Moffett  
Elmer Kyle & Betty Kyle Ott  
Mary Williams Dransfield  
Given By: Steve & Mo Kyle  
Isaac & Ashley Nelson**

**Col. & Mrs. Dow S. Grones, Jr.  
Dr. Gordon Kyle Leonard, Sr.  
Given By: Kyle, Keedie, Cole and Isabelle Leonard**

**Loved Ones  
Given By: Jane Law**

**Paul W. Law  
Given By: Jane, Daughters and Families**

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“In Memory Of”**

**Danny, Louale and Nathaniel Almarode  
Given By: Derek, Cindy and Ashlyn Almarode**

**Hugh Ralston  
Given By: Sarah Frances Ralston**

**Rosalie Thomas  
Given By: Nancy Webster and Family**

**My Family  
Given By: Jill Webb**

**Adolphus Wade Cash, Jr.  
Given By: Wade & Phyllis Cash**

**John Liptrap  
Given By: His Family**

**Mary Belle Wright Ware  
Given By: R. W. Ware, Jr. & Leona Ware**

**Mr. & Mrs. Carlisle Neff  
Catherine Quick  
Wesley Quick  
Given By: Allen & Pat Quick**

**Bill True  
Given By: Doris True**

**Given to the Glory of God  
And  
“In Honor Of”**

**Our Grandparents:  
David & Betty Schooley  
Fred & Gail Nowak**

Given by: James, Catherine & Graham Schooley

**Dr. Lynn & Eloise Moore**  
Given By: Their Family

**Our Donor Family**  
Given By: The Davis Family

**Richard & Sue Whitesell**  
Given By: Derek & Cindy Almarode

**Ashlyn Almarode**  
Given By: Derek & Cindy Almarode

**Dale & Kay Thompson**  
Given By: Brian, Penny, Harleigh, Moose,  
Bayleigh, Lydia & Trevor

**Ellen Fitzgerald**  
Given By: The Lee Family

**The Glory of God**  
Given By: JoAnn Pendley

*Please remember to pick up your poinsettia(s) following  
the Christmas Eve service or following the worship  
service on December 25th. Thank you.*